

Good Road Facts

THE GOOD ROAD QUESTION

DISCUSSED BY COUNTY JUDGE

Points and Facts On Issuing One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars For Building Roads.

Following up the letter on the road question of last week, and concurring in the belief that there are two sides to every question, and with a desire that every man should be fully and correctly informed before he attempts to cast a vote, especially on questions of as great importance as the question that is now before the people, I am prompted to offer a few points showing the advantages that we may have by voting the bond issue. In trying to enumerate these advantages I am not seeking to mislead, intimidate or delude any voter.

The issue will be for \$185,000. The interest on the bonds will amount to \$9,250 annually. Our tax limit, if levied, will give us \$7,000, or there about, showing a deficit of \$1,400, as was stated or intimated in Mr. Clement's article. This statement, if left at this point is grossly misleading. The question of State Aid is slighted or totally ignored here. There is a State Road Fund actually in existence in this State, and has been for two years. Crittenden county has already contributed something near \$4,000 as her part and has yet received not a penny in return, nor will we until we do something in the way of making permanent roads. If there had been no chance to recover some of this sum which we are paying out, or an actual State Road Fund for counties wishing to avail themselves of the use of such a fund there would be no question of this kind before the people of the county today, but such conditions do exist today, and many, many counties are taking advantage of the offer.

There is a great howl about Crittenden county being poor, and not able to pay the tax. Crittenden county is about an average for wealth as shown by the State Road Commissioner's report, something more than three and a half million dollars worth of taxable property in the county. The poor will not have to pay this tax any way, except as he is prosperous. We will not be required to pay more than 20c for each \$100 worth of property, or \$2.00 for each \$1,000. In comparing valuations of other counties, Carlisle, for instance, whose valuation is much less than ours, we find they received \$5,000 from the State last year. From this comparison, and that of a score of others, we see that our proportion of State Aid, to be conservative, would be nothing less than \$5,000. Take this and add it to our tax collected

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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION HOPES

To Interest Everybody In Marion At The Services At Cemetery Decoration Day.

Tuesday, May 30th is Decoration day. The Cemetery Association hopes to interest everybody in Marion at the services at cemetery on this day. The usual Decoration services will be held at 8:30 that morning. The hour is made earlier so the services can be over and election of directors held before it gets so warm. When you take your flowers there, can you not wait until this time, so all can be done at once.

A special programme will be prepared for this service. Cannot the business people of Marion close their houses just one hour and go out there? Surely we owe this to our dead. We owe this also to our Cemetery Committee that is trying so hard to get the Cemetery in proper condition.

Have you a lot out there? Have you contributed anything to the Cemetery fund? If you have a lot and are not contributing regularly, then someone is bearing your burden for you, paying your part to the general care of the Cemetery. Do you think this is treating the Association fairly? Begin this year by your contributions. Much work needs to be done and we must have your co-operation in order to keep up the Cemetery.

The Association wishes to express their appreciation for the help given them by many of the lot owners who are so prompt to pay each year. Some of these are out of Marion. This has meant much toward the improvement of conditions out there. We regret the fact, however, that many lot owners here in Marion, take little or no interest whatever in the Cemetery.

\$3.00 per year is a reasonable price for the care of your lot, and helping to keep up the general work. \$1.00 per year for vacant lot.

The Association plans to place several car loads of rock on drives and walks this year. The cistern is to have a new top and a pump. A chapel out there is contemplated, and, if every lot owner will contribute each year, this one great need can become a reality. Have we not some citizens, possibly not personally interested in the Cemetery, who will make private contributions to this cause?

Have you been to the Cemetery this spring? If not, go out there and see how pretty it is now, ere the weeds grow up on the uncared for lots. Let us have a contribution from every lot owner this year. Committee.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak
Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

THE CITY COUNCIL MEETS

In Regular Session.—Mayor Geo. W. Stone Present And Presiding.

Marion, Ky., May 8th, 1916.

The City Council of the City of Marion, Ky., met in regular session in the Council chamber Monday night, May the 8th, 1916 with the following Councilmen present: W. O. Tucker, J. N. Boston, Geo. Yates, T. A. Rankin, J. R. Perry and J. H. Nimmo.

Mayor Geo. W. Stone present and presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion were approved.

On motion and second the following claims were allowed and ordered paid:

Joe Guess, 10 hrs team for City \$1.75. Mart Ford, 127 hrs team for City \$38.10. Mart Ford, To posts and braces for sewer \$6.00. A. J. Byford, To hauling dog out of town 50 cents. Tom Conyer, to City hauling 75 cents. Chas. Newbell, 30 hrs, labor on street, 12 1/2 cents per hr, \$3.75. Ottie Burr, 50 hrs \$6.25. B. York, 65 hrs, \$8.12. K. E. Cannan, 25 hrs, \$3.12. Chas. Dillard, 202 hrs labor on street, 15 cents per hr, \$30.30. A. W. Watson, lumber for City, \$25.50. Smith James, \$6.37. Total \$130.51.

The following petition was presented to the Council, signed by 30 citizens of the City of Marion, Ky.: The undersigned respectfully petition the City Council to rescind its action in imposing a Twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) license for conducting the butcher business within the City of Marion, Ky., for the reason that the license in practice is prohibitory or at least limits the business to one dealer. It destroys competition to the great detriment of the people of Marion, Ky. Whereupon a motion was made by W. O. Tucker, seconded by J. R. Perry and by unanimous vote the Council ordered that the Ordinance passed by the City Council at its regular March meeting, creating a license tax of \$25.00 for butcher shops be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and the license tax which has been collected to be refunded.

On motion by Tucker, seconded by Perry, it was ordered that the following people be instructed to build concrete walks adjoining and abutting their property on Fords Ferry street, per specification furnished by the City Marshal: Lollie George, A. C. Barnes, T. J. Babb, Chas. Burgett, Wesley Eaton, said walks to be completed within 60 days from the publication of an ordinance regulating same.

There being no further business to come before the Council on motion the same adjourned.

Geo. W. Stone, Mayor.
E. L. Harpending, Clerk.

103 COUNTIES ASK STATE AID

\$4,000,000 To Be Spent This Year; Engineer Inspector For Each of Thirteen Districts.

Frankfort, Ky., May 8.—Public road improvement in Kentucky is beginning to reach a gigantic scale, and it is estimated at the Department of Public Roads that the total expended on roads in Kentucky this year under State supervision will be not less than \$4,000,000. Of the 120 counties, 103 have applied for State aid and twenty-five have their work under way, while the Department of Roads is working under high pressure, considering plans and specifications and contracts and looking after the inspection.

Commissioner of Roads R. C. Terrell has divided the State into thirteen inspection districts with an engineer inspector in charge of each.

Call For Democratic County And State Conventions.

Be it resolved by the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Kentucky in session assembled in Louisville, Ky., on April 14, 1916, upon call of the Chairman of said Committee, the Hon. S. W. Hager (a quorum of said Committee being present in person) that a Democratic Delegate State Convention be held in the city of Lexington, Ky., on Wednesday the 24th, day of May 1916 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on June 14, 1916, and for the purpose of effecting the Party organization.

Second. Delegates shall be selected to said State Convention on the basis of one delegate for every 100 votes and fraction over 50 cast by the Democratic Party of Kentucky at the Presidential election of 1912, which delegates shall be selected in Mass Convention to be held at the Court House in each and every county in the state at the hour of 1:30 p. m., on Saturday May 20, 1916.

Provided, however, that in counties having more than one legislative district, they shall meet in Mass Convention in their respective legislative districts at the hour of 2 p. m., on Saturday May 20, 1916, at a place to be designated by the Chairman of each legislative district, and said convention shall be called to order and held in the manner provided by the Party laws.

Third. All known Democrats and all minors, who will be legal voters at the Nov., election, 1916 and declare their purpose to affiliate with the Democratic party are declared eligible to participate in said Mass Conventions and to be elected delegates to said State Convention.

Attest: C. E. Wright, Secretary.

All Democrats, of Crittenden

A WORD TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Shortage of Tobacco in Foreign Countries Causes Great Demand For American Grown Product.

The Crittenden Record-Press is glad at this time to be able to state to the farmers of Crittenden county that now is the time to plant tobacco and to plant all that you can possibly cultivate and care for and that you have barn room to cure same. This is going to be an unprecedented year and the demand for low grade tobacco will far surpass the supply. Lugs and trash sold last week for \$6.40. This assertion is based on information furnished by the Department of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and Crittenden county people are largely indebted to Senator Ollie M. James for this information.

At the instance of tobacco men in Western Kentucky Mr. James caused cables to be sent to American Consul Generals at Vienna, Austria, Berlin, Germany, Paris, France and other points and all replies indicated a shortage in the crops grown in the countries named, creating a demand for dark, fired tobacco of Kentucky and Tennessee of 50 per cent more than previous years. The Record-Press trusts that its farmer friends will profit by this information and will properly prepare their land before transplanting their tobacco in order that they may have a full acreage per man and limit the quantity only to the barn space that you have for properly curing the tobacco. Not necessarily spending much money for labor if your ground is properly prepared as the middle and low grades will be relatively in stronger demand. The reasons for all this are too numerous to mention in one issue of this paper. Here are a few figures: Low estimated annual demand.

| Country | Pounds |
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| Italy | 45,000,000 |
| Germany and Austria | 50,000,000 |
| France | 15,000,000 |
| Spain | 20,000,000 |
| Continental Europe | 15,000,000 |
| American Snuff | |
| Co's Domestic | 50,000,000 |
| Domestic Cigar Trade | 5,000,000 |
| Total | 200,000,000 |
| Low estimated requirements for next year according to latest reports: | |
| Country | Pounds |
| Italy | 50,000,000 |
| Germany and Austria | 90,000,000 |
| France | 80,000,000 |
| Spain | 20,000,000 |
| Continental Europe | 20,000,000 |
| Domestic Trade | 50,000,000 |
| Total | 310,000,000 |
| Shortage | 110,000,000 |

county are requested to meet at the court house, in Marion, Ky., at 1:30 o'clock p. m., Saturday May the 20th, 1916, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held May 24th, as per above resolution.

W. R. Cruce, Ch'n.

JEFF CLEMENT OPPOSED TO IT.

THE ROAD QUESTION

Some Items Of Interest To The Ones Who Are Opposed To The Good Roads.

I noticed yesterday an article, some parts of which some of us think should be answered.

The article says the "the road bonds run for five years, bearing 5% interest, and payment can not be DEMANDED under five years." That is a fact, and neither can they be PAID under five years, unless the bondholder agrees. If he prefers that they draw interest for five years, he gets it.

The article also states that we do not vote a tax, but Empower the Fiscal Court or Commission to levy a tax. Can the taxpayer on "pay day" discern the difference between the tax VOTED and the tax LEVIED?

It also mentions some 70 or 80 miles of road that are to be worked "FIRST." Does any one believe that anything near that much road could be turnpiked either first or last?

It also states that the work will be done by Crittenden county farmers and Crittenden county laborers, if they want to do it.

The ROAD LAW says the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and gives nobody any authority or power to dictate to him whom he shall employ. He may, as contractors often do, bring his entire force with him, as men accustomed to certain work become more efficient than others who have had no experience along that line, or he may get his force here, that is, as he chooses. He certainly will manage the job so as to comply with his contract, and get as much out of it for himself as possible.

The article also states "we can earn enough with our teams and labor to pay our taxes 100 years." If any one actually thinks that statement is correct, it is no use to argue to the contrary. Remember, Mr. Taxpayer, you are paying on this big debt and interest, year after year, and at the same time collecting enough from yourself to pay your taxes for one hundred years. So very progressive!

It says "land prices will go higher and rents will be higher, but the renter will reap a more abundant crop. I suspect the writer of this article is putting the TAX COLLECTOR in the role of a renter.

It also says something about "one horse doing the work of four," "and the price of our crops going down while the roads are drying up." The rule don't always hold good, as this time our tobacco went UP while the roads were drying up, and

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